(a) 1. whether the General Assembly of the Cochin Teachers' Association received a letter this year from Mr. Thomas Paul of the V. V. Publishing House threatening the association if they discussed some of the resolutions pertaining the text books;

2. if so, will a copy of the letter be placed on the table;

3. whether the association passed resolutions regarding this letter;

4. if so, what are those and what action have the Government taken regarding same;

(b) what are the resolutions passed by the assembly regarding the present Malayalam Text Books?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) 1. They received a letter from Mr. Thomas Paul of V. V. Publishing House.

2. Copy of the letter is appended. (*Vide Appendix III.*)

3. Yes.

4. Copy of the resolution is appended. (*Vide Appendix IV.*)

The matter is being enquired into by the Government.

(b) Copy of the resolution is appended. (*Vide Appendix V.*) Copy of the Memorandum referred to in the resolution is placed on the Council Table.

Board of Examiners.

438. Mr. K. J. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

are the Board of Examiners or the Government in the habit of calling for and receiving applications for examinerships each year?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Applications are not called for; but sometimes they are received.

New Hospital—Mattancheri.

439. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(1) at what stage the question of the construction of a new Hospital at Mattancheri is at present;

(2) how far from the present Women and Children's Hospital is the site of the proposed new hospital;

(3) is there no site available in the immediate vicinity of the Mattancheri Women and Children's Hospital for locating the proposed hospital for men;

(4) what is the amount sanctioned for the purpose of this proposed hospital and when was the sanction accorded for the expenditure;

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(5) what is the reason for not considering the desirability of locating the proposed hospital near the existing Medical Institutions in Mattancheri?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(1) The award relating to the acquisition of sites for the hospital has been accepted by the Diwan.

(2) About six furlongs to the south.

(3) Yes; but also vide answer to sub-division (5) below.

(4) Rs. 15,000 in 1106 original budget. The balance of Rs. 8,615 required under the award has just been sanctioned.

(5) The cost of acquisition of sites near the existing Medical Institutions is prohibitive.

Bhoothamkulam Toddy-shop.

440. **Mr V. Achyuta Menon.**—With regard to the statement of certain Muslims of Irinjalakkuda regarding shifting of the Bhoothamkulam toddy shop No. 155 of Irinjalakkuda referred to on 4th Kumbham 1106 by the Hon'ble Member for Excise in his reply to a cut motion tabled by the Member for Irinjalakkuda, will the Government be pleased to inform this House :—

(a) when and by whom the statement in question was recorded and by how many persons it was signed;

(b) what the age, occupation, position in society and educational qualifications of each of those from whom the statement was taken are;

(c) for what purpose and under what circumstances it was recorded;

(d) whether the following extract from a letter of 14th Kumbham 1106 addressed to the Irinjalakkuda Member by one Mr. K. M. Bava, General Merchant, Irinjalakkuda, is a faithful description of the circumstances under which it was recorded and if it is not in what respects :—

"കഴിഞ്ഞ മകരം ൨൪-൦൩ സാംട്ട ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർ അവർകൾ വന്ന നിങ്ങൾ എല്ലാവരുംകൂടി എനിക്ക ഒരു സ്റ്റോറുമെണ്ട തരണം. എങ്ങിനെ എന്നാൽ ഇക്കൊല്ലം ഷാപ്പ ഇരിക്കുന്ന സ്ഥലത്തു ഇരിക്കുന്നതിനും വരുന്ന കൊല്ലത്തേക്ക ഒരു വാര പടിഞ്ഞാട്ടെക്ക നീക്കി തരണമെന്നും പറഞ്ഞു. അതിന്ന ഞങ്ങൾക്ക സമ്മതമില്ലെന്നും പറഞ്ഞു. അപ്പോൾ ചില സ്ത്രീകളെക്കൊണ്ടു ഈ വിധം സ്റ്റോറുമെണ്ടു എഴുതി ഒപ്പിടീച്ചയച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടു."

(e) whether a petition on the subject has been received by Government since the above statement was recorded and if it has been, how it has been disposed of;

(f) for how many years the Muslims of Irinjalakkuda have been agitating for the removal from their neighbourhood of Bhoothamkulam toddy shop No. 155?

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